

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 14-111

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Prescribed Burn – Grasslands Wildlife Area

Region and Game Management Unit: Region I and GMU 1

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):
• Springerville

Was the project presented to the LHPC?
YES☒ **NO**☐

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES☐ NO☒

If Yes, was it funded? YES☐ NO☐ → **Funded HPC Project #(s):**

Project Type: Prescribed Burn

Brief Project Summary:

Conduct a prescribed burn on approximately 200 acres of grassland on the White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area. The burn would be conducted by State Forestry personnel. The project objective is to increase forage quality primarily for pronghorn.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Pronghorn

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date:
March 2015

Project End Date:
April 2016

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: Yes☐ No☐ N/A☒

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:
Yes☐ No☒ N/A☐

Projected Completion Date: Awaiting word from AGFD
archaeologist who is coordinating with State Forestry personnel.

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A☐

To be Completed by: Dave Cagle

Projected Completion Date: Dependent upon SHPO Sept. 30, 2014.

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested: \$ 3,000.00

Cost Share or Matching Funds: \$ 3,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$ 6,000.00

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):
Dave Cagle

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Date: 8/21/2014

AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel):
Same as above

Project has been coordinated with:

Glen Dickens, AAF; Chris Bagnoli, Region I Supervisor; Steve Iker, Wildlife Area Manager; Ken Butler,

State Forestry; Darrel Craig, State Forestry

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

There is a need to increase pronghorn forage quality within a portion of the White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area. The project area has not been grazed by livestock or burned since 2000, and the forage is in need of fire to regenerate the vegetation, especially the forb component.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Increase pronghorn forage quality.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

Conduct a prescribed burn on approximately 200 acres of land owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The burn would be conducted by personnel from the Arizona State Forestry, and possibly a local fire department.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project is located on the southwest portion of the White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area located approximately 8 miles west of Springerville in Apache County.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

- Arizona Game and Fish Commission

*IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or
LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?*
YES[] NO[] N/A[]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Grassland community with blue gramma and muley grasses dominating the landscape.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds
Requesting \$3,000

Cost Share or Matching Funds (for volunteer labor rates please refer to the worksheet below)
\$3,000 of Region I wildlife area funds will be allocated to accomplish this project. These funds are Federal Aid – Robertson-Pittman Funds.

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

Arizona Game and Fish Department Region I personnel will assist with project boundary delineation and some of the preparation activities required to accomplish the burn. State Forestry would conduct the burn.

WOULD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT ASSIST IN PROVIDING, MAINTAINING, OR FACILITATING RECREATIONAL ACCESS?

YES[] NO[X] N/A[]

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Photo points will be established to record pre-treatment and post treatment photos of the burn area. Two to three vegetative transects will be established prior to conducting the burn to document general vegetative communities prior and post burn. Data would be collected for four growing seasons.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

None required.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

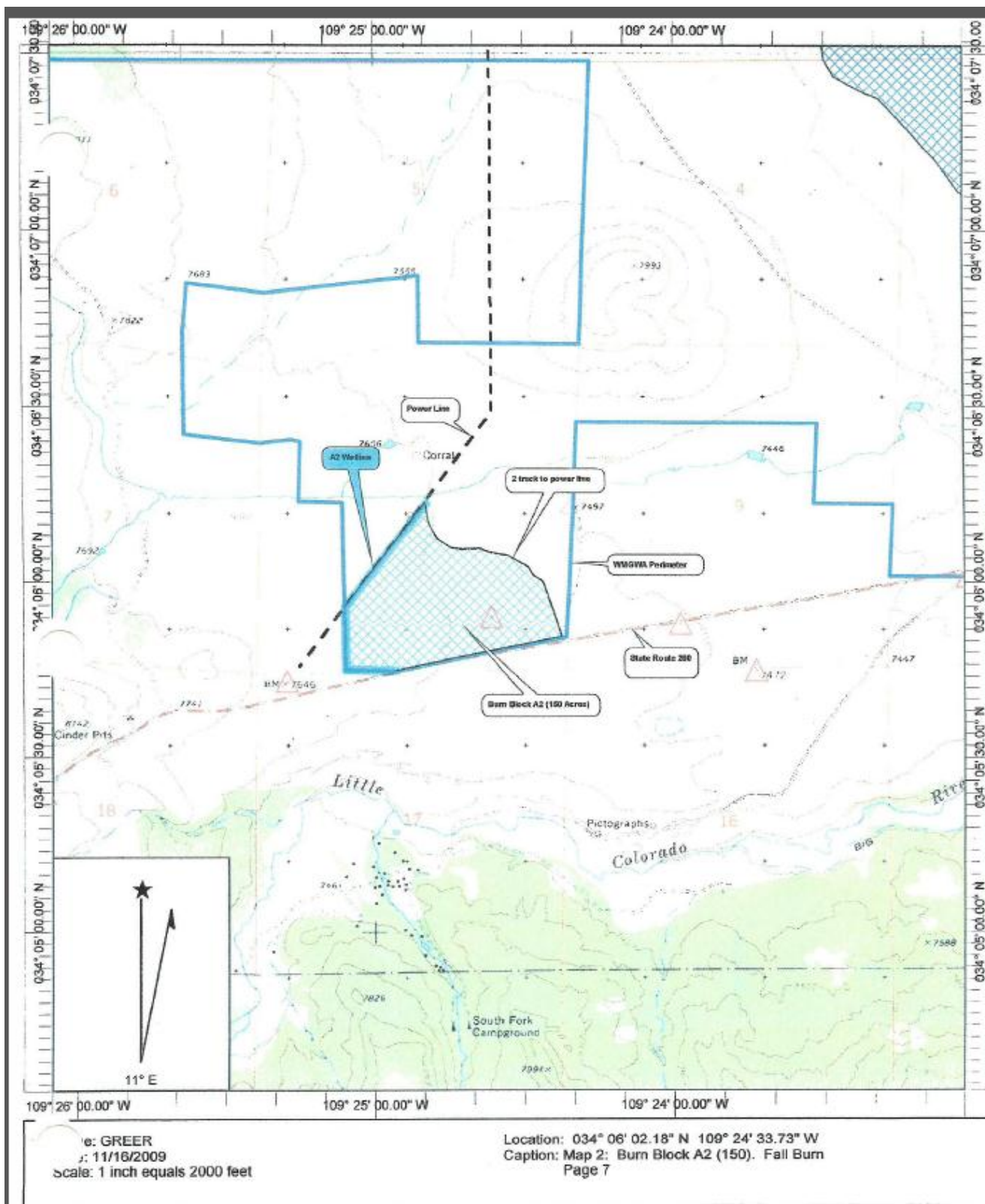
Dave Cagle, Region I Wildlife Program Manager

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS *(please use the worksheet below):*

N/A

TREE CLEARING/REMOVAL PROJECTS *(please use the worksheet below):*

N/A



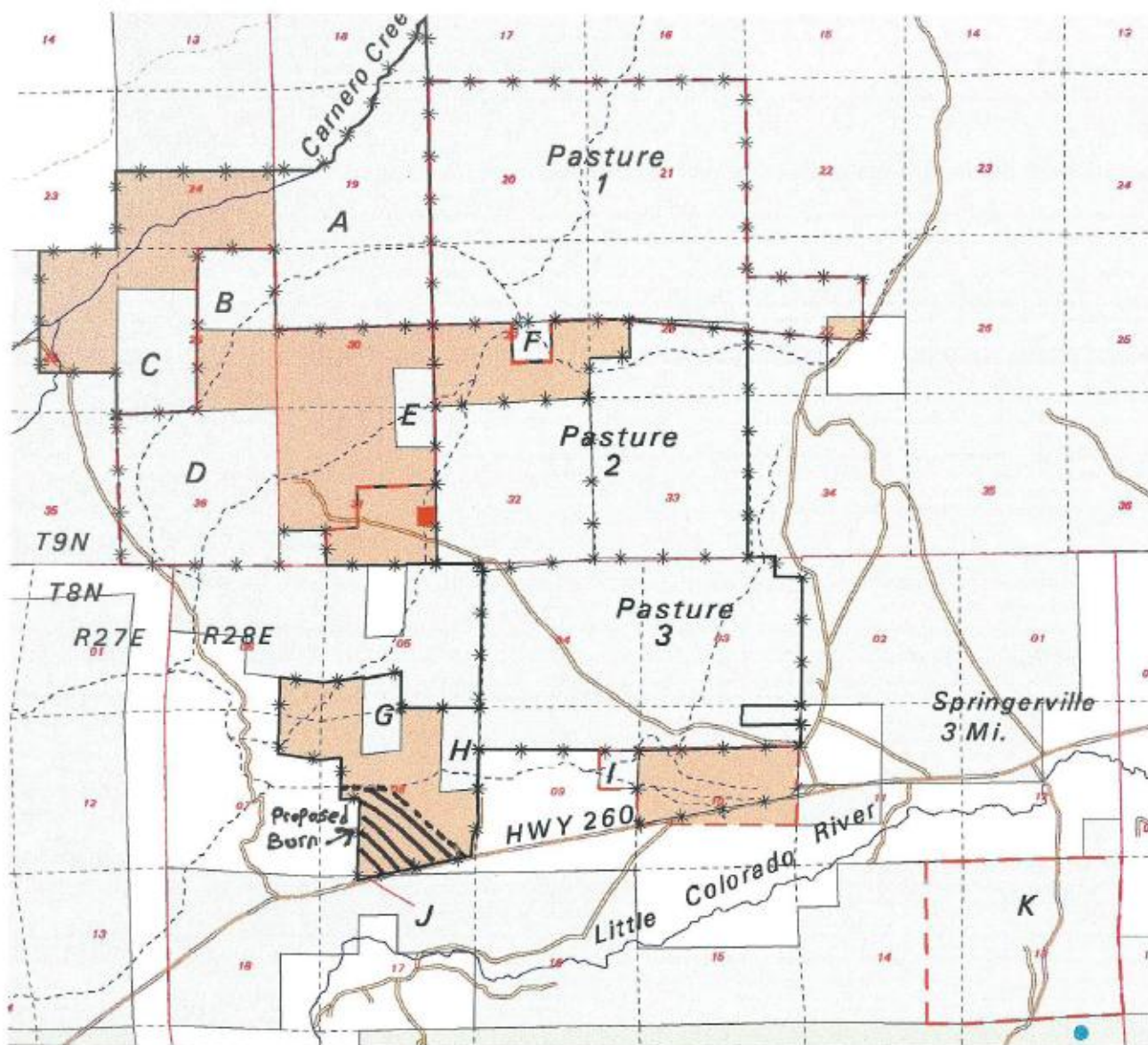


Figure 1 - Location of ASLD lease land parcels associated with Ocote & Cross L properties (Grassland Wildlife Area) identified for either livestock grazing, acquisition or transfer by Arizona Game & Fish Commission.

Parcels proposed for acquisition (A-H) & for waiver (I-K)

A: Cross L, 005-000187-00
B: Ocote, 005-001473-00
C: Cross L, 005-000187-00
D: Ocote, 005-001473-00
E: Ocote, 005-001473-00

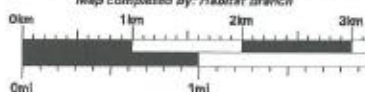
F: Ocote, 005-032258-00
G: Cross L, 005-000187-00
H: Cross L, 005-000187-00
I: Ocote, 005-001473-00
J: Cross L, 005-000187-00
K: Ocote, 005-001471-00

Parcels to be Sub-Leased for Grazing

Pasture 1: Ocote, 005-032258-00
Pasture 2: Cross L, 005-000187-00
Pasture 3: Cross L, 005-000187-00

Private Land
State Land
Apache-Sitgreaves N.F.
Cross L Ranch Property Boundary
Ocote Ranch Property Boundary

The Arizona Game and Fish Department makes no warranties, implied or expressed, with respect to information on these maps. Land ownership according to the State Land Department as of June, 1998.
Map completed by: Habitat Branch



Game & Fish Commission
10 Acre Greer Base
Ditches
Drainages

Date 10/11/00

